

CFS Sydney Memories

1953

1990



Slan-leat

Farewell

PRESENT COMMANDING OFFICER



Major John Phillips enlisted in the RCAF in Sydney, N.S. in 1965 and served as a Radar Technician until 1973. He was then selected to attend the Military College under the UTPM Programme. He graduated in 1977 with a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree.

Upon receiving his Commission and following further training in Communications and Electronics he was posted to CFS Dana. He was promoted to Captain in 1980. He served as Project Officer in the Directorate of Electronic Warfare, NDHQ and then moved to the Communications and Electronics School in Kingston. He was promoted to Major in 1986 and was posted to 4th Allied Tactical Air Force HQ in Heidelberg, FRG where he was Chief/Senior Systems Analyst. He took command of CFS Sydney in July 1989.

MAJ J.L. PHILLIPS

COMMANDING OFFICERS ADDRESS

Canadian Forces Station Sydney has stood overlooking the City of Sydney for 37 years. As a youngster, I can remember looking through the reddish-grey haze emanating from the steel plant, and wondering what was "that place" on the hill. Little did I know that several years later I would pass through "the gates" while being processed for my enrolment medical and eventually returning to become the Commanding Officer.

The Station has gone through many changes over the years, however, it has remained an integral part of the local community. Station personnel have been active in many community activities, particularly in the area of sports and the Station has shown its appreciation through many Armed Forces Days, Open Houses and Air Shows. The economy of the area has been greatly influenced by the presence of the Station. The salaries and purchases made to support the Station infrastructure have helped keep some stability in a depressed economic area.

Over the past decade we have seen extraordinary advances in technology, a changing international political environment and attempts at fiscal restraint. All of these have contributed in their own way to the closing of CFS Sydney. With the closing of the last of the Pine Tree Radar Sites we have come to the end of an era. Many military and civilian personnel have passed through the gates of this and other Radar Sites across this county. A close comradery has developed and one can only look back over the past with fond memories of the friends and good times that once were.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a special THANK YOU to all military and civilian personnel who have served at CFS Sydney. You have done your country and yourself proud.

GOODBYE SYDNEY

FIRST COMMANDING OFFICER



W/C L.J. LOMAS

W/C Lomas enrolled in the RCAF Special Reserve in March 1940 and served in West Africa and India during the war. Upon repatriation to Canada he continued his service in B.C. and Ontario until 1948 when he became part of the RCAF Regular Force.

He became a flying instructor and was Deputy Flight Commander at CFB Trenton. He became Commanding Officer 221 Aircraft Warning Sqn, Sydney, N.S. in 1953 and from there went to ADCHQ as Chief Administration Officer and EA to the Air Officer Commanding. In 1959 he went to RCAF Staff College and then to NORAD HQ. His final posting was CFB Toronto where he was Deputy Base Commander. He retired in 1968 and lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

EXCERPT FROM A LETTER BY L.J. LOMAS: In April of 1953 I took over the detachment of personnel from BOTH Air Defence Command and Air Materiel Command and met with unusual difficulties. The first one was that neither ADC nor AMC would acknowledge that either one of them was responsible for us in that ADC said that AMC must keep Station Sydney under their administrative wing until the unit was operational and AMC stated that they were not in the business of running radar stations. The two Commands maintained their position and would not budge in accepting the role of Air Force Parent.

The result of this led to the unbelievable situation wherein we had no food, no money, no civilian employees and nobody to talk to at a higher echelon to provide either information or help. After I borrowed money from the local bank to do a pay parade and hired civilian help under my own authority we were able to protect the Queens equipment and feed ourselves. We had no Government vehicles, and the road to town was impassable when it rained (constantly). Mr. Red Keough, a very young local boy was our first civilian employee and was paid by me personally until the authorities in higher places realized that they had one more civil servant. Red looked after the base security and was for a short time the chief of civilian personnel.

He was also a great addition to our Ball Team.

FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS

W/C L.J. Lomas, CD	1953-1957	LCol W.G. McEwen, CD	1975-1977
S/L G.A. Armstrong, CD	1957-1959	LCol A. Young, CD	1977-1978
W/C R.M. MacDonald, CD	1959-1961	LCol D.A. Girling, CD	1978-1981
S/L C.F. Grigg, CD	1961-1963	Maj W.F. McLean, CD	1981-1983
S/L P.B. St. Louis, MBE CD	1963-1966	Maj M.M. McInnis, CD	1983-1985
W/C R.W. Wright, DFC DFM CD	1966-1969	Maj A.W. Hodgson, CD	1985-1986
LCol B.R. Campbell, CD	1969-1972	Maj J.R.C. Melancon, CD	1986-1987
LCol J.F. Sheppard, CD	1972-1975	Maj J.H. Billard, CD	1987-1989

CFS SYDNEY

CFS Sydney possesses the only Unit Crest in the Canadian Armed Forces, which contains Gaelic. SIOR PHURACHAS, translates as EVER VIGILANT. The deer is used because of its plentifulness in Cape Breton, the spruce is a common species in the forests, and the water depicts the ocean and the lakes which are located in Cape Breton.

RCAF Station Sydney opened in April, 1953 as a long range radar installation, and today, functions within the Canadian Forces Air Command's Fighter Group as a Semi-Automatic Ground Environment(SAGE) Unit of the North American Air Defence(NORAD) System.

In April, 1954, RCAF Station Sydney became manually operational 24 hours a day. Eight years later the station changed from a manual Ground Control Intercept(GCI) unit to a Semi-Automatic Ground Environment long range radar station. By 1973, the incorporation of transistorized equipment had refined the system.

The station's recreational and social facilities are many. In 1957, the Recreation Center, the MIR, the Administration and Construction Engineering buildings were officially opened and other construction has continued. In 1968, the Mobile Home Trailer Park was opened; in 1969, the Curling Rink was erected and in 1971 the extension, housing the CANEX, was added to the Recreation Center. The former Supply Building was modified extensively, mostly with self-help and became the Junior Ranks Club. It is now the All Ranks Mess.

In addition to its primary role as a radar site Sydney offers support to:

- a. the Recruiting Center;
- b. Militia Units in Sydney, North Sydney and Glace Bay; and
- c. Army, Navy and Air Cadets in Cape Breton.

Over the years changes have continued to take place. In 1986 the FPS 27 Search Radar was replaced by the FPS 508. On 1 April, 1990 the Height Finder Radar was shut down as part of the plan to close CFS Sydney as it exists today.

CFS Sydney is located on the north-eastern part of Cape Breton island approximately 3 miles from the center of the city of Sydney. Towns such as North Sydney, Glace Bay, Dominion, New Waterford, Reserve and Sydney Mines are close by. The city offers several amenities to the base and many civilians use base facilities, creating good rapport in the community.

People living at CFS Sydney are close enough to the coal mines, steel plant and ocean to experience the economic climate of Cape Breton. They also experience all the varieties of weather that a seaboard community faces annually.

The island is rich in natural beauty and places of historic interest such as Louisbourg and the Alexander Graham Bell Museum. The effects of occupation by the French and Scottish settlers has given Cape Breton a distinct character still evident today.

Alexander Graham Bell wrote, "I have travelled around the globe. I have seen the Canadian and American Rockies, the Andes and the Alps and the Highlands of Scotland, but for simple beauty, Cape Breton out rivals them all."

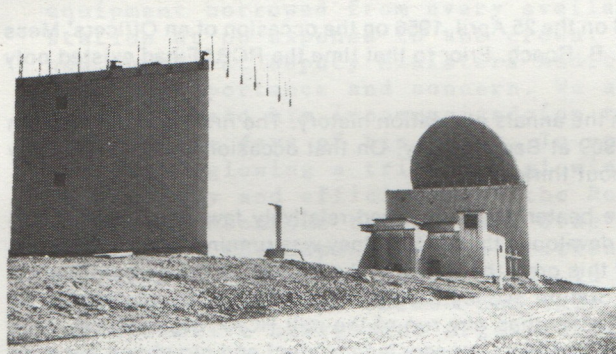
The Early Days



The main street.



Aerial view.

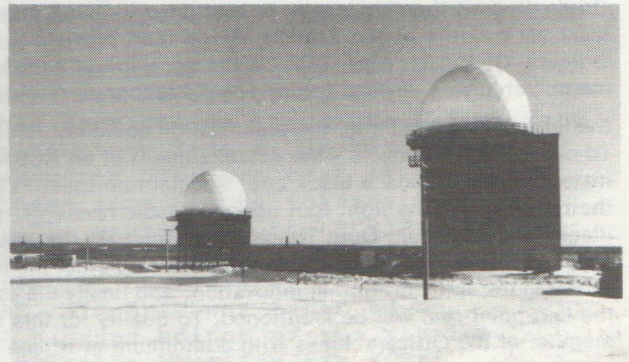


Only one tower in early days.

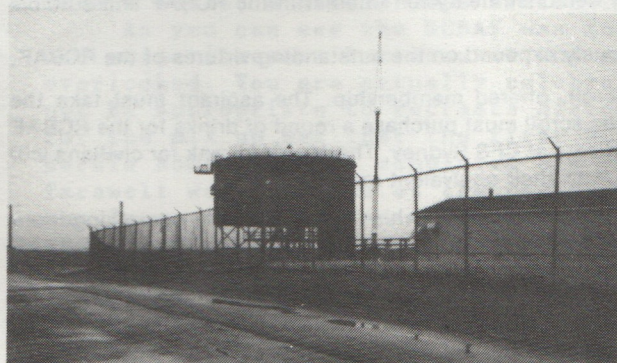


Recreation during construction phase.

YESTERDAY



CLOSURE OF THE HEIGHT FINDER 1990





Royal Cape Breton Air Force History and Constitution

Nothing written on CFS Sydney could be considered complete without reference to the RCBAF.

The Royal Cape Breton Air Force (RCBAF) was officially founded on the 25 April, 1956 on the occasion of an Officers' Mess Dinner honouring the departure of a native Cape Bretoner, F/O S. B. Roach. Prior to that time the RCBAF had existed only as an intangible morale factor in the life of Station Sydney.

One has also to remember that Cape Breton has a special place in the annals of aviation history. The first powered flight in Canada and the British Empire took place on the 23 February, 1909 at Baddeck Bay. On that occasion J. A. D. McCurdy flew the "Silver Dart" a distance of a half mile at a height of about thirty feet.

In the early days, CFS Sydney located as it is somewhat off the beaten track, received relatively few visits from Headquarters Staff Officers. Consequently, an in-house jocular cliché developed that CFS Sydney was running its own Air Force and only paying lip service to the official RCAF hierarchy. Out of this grew the shape of the RCBAF as the personification of Air Force operations in the Cape Breton area, as practiced by Station Sydney. Doing things "RCBAF Style" came to be synonymous with doing things differently and at least one cut better than any run-of-the-mill RCAF organization. This special RCBAF flair was implanted, then imparted, because Cape Bretoners are very independent and proud and because Cape Breton had a peripheral and insular location as the "sine qua non". In this context, the RCBAF organization assumed a more and more real entity and became the focal point for morale on the Station.

On the 25 April, 1956, at the aforementioned farewell "do", it was decided to give the RCBAF some tangible form and F/O Roach was therefore presented with the first membership scroll. This unique item was individually prepared and from it, the final and current membership scroll was developed in printed form. However, the sentiment and sense of the original is preserved in the rather high-handed wording of the present scroll.

Originally, membership was to be restricted to RCAF members of the Officers' Mess, Station Sydney, who had served at least six months at the Station. Since then provisions have been made to include Associate Members, and visiting Officers. On the 31, May, 1956 on the occasion of A/V/M Wray's visit, the first AOC to inspect CFS Sydney, honorary membership was devised to pay special recognition to distinguished visitors.

Evolution being what it is, the organization could not remain static and certain customs and traditions were incorporated. To cite several examples - the establishment of an RCBAF Mess Kit - Mess Dress with the Cape Breton tartan bow tie instead of the mundane black one; special rum toast to RCBAF in the true highland fashion - all present climbing onto their chairs with the right foot upon the table reverently say, "Chimo - the RCBAF", the embodiment of the motto "Nil illegitimus Carborum Dum" translated "Don't let the bastards grind you down", the replacement of the usual farewell mugs, with a sword which the faithful use to protect the homeland in times of great crises; the retention of former RCAF ranks on the scroll is another innovation; and finally the establishment of the office of Honourary Marshall of the RCBAF is the last point that will be mentioned. To qualify for this exalted position, one must be a male, A Cape Bretoner and a member of the Officers' Mess with a minimum of fifteen years continuous employment at CFS Sydney.

In order to ensure that membership in the RCBAF remains meaningful and relatively exclusive, scrolls are only presented under the following rigid terms:

- To Regular Force Officers stationed at CFS Sydney after a six month waiting period;
- To associate members of the Officers' Mess after two years of active social participation;
- To visiting Staff Officers after three visitations providing they haven't written anything too detrimental about the Station;
- To other visiting Officers after three social calls providing they demonstrate a keen interest in the RCBAF and suitable recompense is forthcoming; and
- To Officers of General rank after one visit providing they generously expound on the outstanding virtues of the RCBAF.

Under no circumstances is an applicant who qualifies for a scroll, offered membership. The aspirant must take the initiative and plead his own case. In all cases, the recipients of the scroll must purchase a round of drinks for the RCBAF Chief of Staffs' Committee, comprising the nine Regular Force Officers at CFS Sydney. The standard rank for civilians will be Pilot Officer whereas Regular Force Officers will be enrolled with their equivalent rank.

Such customs and traditions only gave voice to the intangible, indescribable spirit which is the RCBAF - something more than mere "esprit de corps". The good humoured spirit although somewhat impertinent, provides the focus for RCBAF Station Sydney being, as it is, THE BEST!

COMMENTS ON RCBAF

From a letter by L.J.Lomas for the 34th Anniversary Reunion, 1990

The first administrator of the RCBAF was SGT JJ DUBOIS, who did tremendous work in making things happen in a fairly legal manner. He borrowed stationery from the local hotel and I managed to borrow a typewriter and using a packing box he issued DRO's and continued to try to involve any member of the TOAF (THAT OTHER AIR FORCE) in our lives. We didn't have a telephone so it was difficult to call other military establishments that were not about to get involved in taking collect calls from some Herring Chokers in Cape Breton. After about six weeks of this isolation, while meeting the demands of the local politicians and needing some direction I ruled that there was to be no communication with any command authorities until they recognized our existence. How I underestimated the level of indifference***. We decided to create our own Airforce. Thus the RCBAF came to life.

To give you some idea of our independence, we managed, with the help of the Royal Cape Breton Highlanders and equipment borrowed from provincial and county authorities to pave Lingan Road with slag from Dosco and with equipment borrowed from every available source we landscaped the whole station at no expense to the crown. The ultimate in independence was when we had our first Deputy Ministers Audit which is, as you know, a matter of extreme importance and concern. We actually kidnapped the Chief of the Audit Team and held him incommunicado (on top of an inaccessible mountain) for the first three days of his visit. In spite of this peccadillo, the RCBAF received glowing a triple "A" glowing tribute from this inspection for the originality and efficiency of the Royal Cape Breton Air Force operation.

Many wondrous things were done in a management style that was later adopted by the Japanese. The Station was owned operated and joyfully managed by the NCO cadre and the Airmen. In the later stages the first Warrant Officer Council was formed and this body proved to be the most imaginative and effective management organization that one could ever imagine. In the first four years of operation there was not one person AWOL and records were set in every facet of administration and operations.

Eventually we were blessed with Flying Officer Ken Morgan who was a CFR Admin Officer who had an outstanding ability to convert nonsense to magnificent prose. He used this ability to write some amazing letters to the Air Officer Commanding (AOC) of the TOAF who at that time was AVM Larry Wray of Air Defence Command. By this time Wray had heard some very interesting tales of the new Airforce and he began to ask questions. Few of his staff knew anything about the Sydney uprising so he decided to take all of his main branch heads to the RCBAF to see "what the hell?"

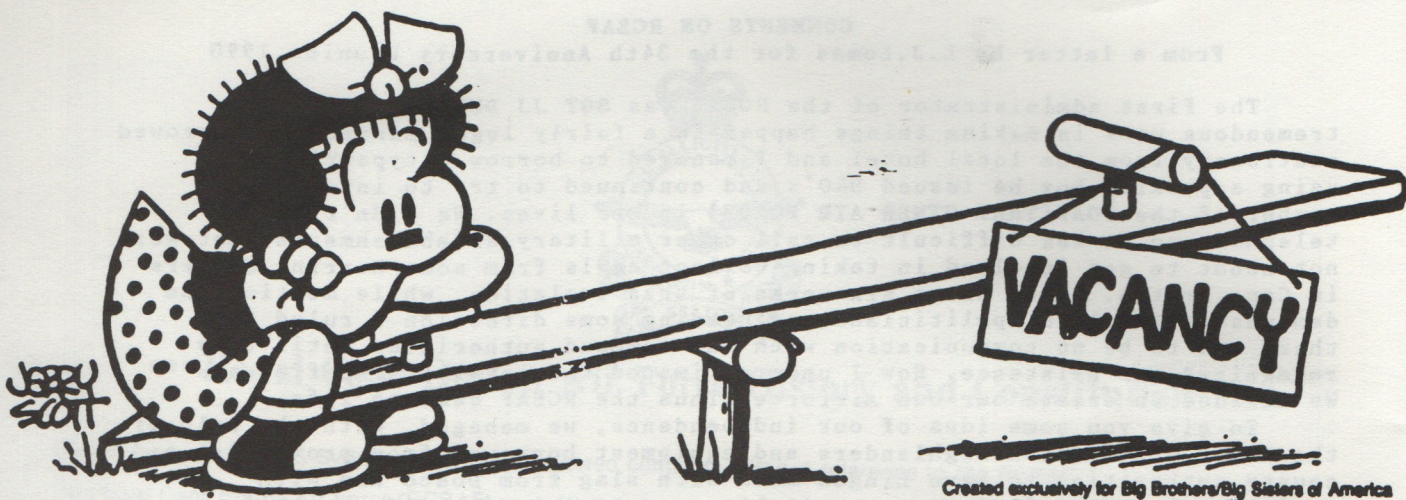
To his immense surprise he was met with Morgan's full honour guard, with chromed bayonets and full webbing. The Guard was formed up in front of a magnificent flag pole and yard arm that had been stolen the night before from the Royal Canadian Legion Headquarters in downtown Sydney. On his return to St Hubert the AOC informed all of his Commanding Officers that it would be worth their while to visit Sydney and witness some of the interesting innovations in operations and management. The members of the RCBAF were not unduly impressed by this display of honest evaluation.

AVM Wray did not use the RCBAF appellation but very willingly accepted the first honorary membership in the RCBAF. AVM Wray was later to be outranked by another member of the RCBAF; a young editor of the station magazine called the GAIRM. If you find a suitable home for the RCBAF memorabilia I will send you a copy of this very professional work done by the young and extremely capable flight cadet ED BROADBENT. It is rumoured that some of the teachings of WO Phil Mills, Bill Baird and Cpl H. King were reflected in Broadbent's later success.

F/O Morgan, the CADO designed the first RCBAF graduation diploma when Bernie Roach, a native Cape Bretoner, was transferred from the RCBAF to TOAF.

As you can see the RCBAF was formed by orphans as a matter of survival and urinousness but somehow the most interesting times of origin have been overlooked. You are actually celebrating the 37th anniversary though it might not be appropriate to recreate history at this time. I assume that the reason for the mix up was that the first RCBAF scroll of honour was given to F/O Bernie Roach when he completed his tour in the RCBAF as CMS in 1957 and his farewell was recorded as the beginning. Bernie made a great contribution to the force and was also a formidable catcher on our award winning softball team.

By the way, if you still have the deer head in the mess, do save it for it was the deer that Cpl Ollie Howie and I bagged that was faithfully copied by the Chester Herald in London England to create your squadron crest. As another aside, Wally Alteen of Alteen Jewelers in town was one of the original associate members and was very close and very helpful in making our lives better.



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A Big Sister or Big Brother Adds Balance to a Child's Life

CFS Sydney has been associated with the Big Brothers and Sisters Agency of Sydney for several years.

We have offered the use of the Social Center for the Agency's Annual Christmas Dinner, the pool and conducted tours of the Station. We have collected donations through Bowl For Millions and the Station Winter Carnival. The kitchen staff have also been very supportive of this good cause.

We are extremely proud that a past Commanding Officer, Major MacInnis, was an Honorary Big Brother for the year 1984.

The first Big Brother in CFS Sydney was an officer in the year 1981. Since then, Big Brothers has been extremely active on the Radar Base. At one time, the Base had three volunteer Big Brothers: Cpl Jeff Sawyers, Cpl Denis Poulin, and Capt Robin Gosling.

With the closure of CFS Sydney, the staff of Big Brothers, Jennifer MacDonald and Francine Hall-Savoury, regret the departure and loss of these valuable Big Brother and Sisters.

Accordingly, the staff of the Agency offer their sincere thanks and appreciation for what the Base has done for them.



RADAR UPDATED CFS Sydney, with the most prominent skyline features in the city, yesterday held a commissioning ceremony for its new radar equipment. Major C. Melancon, Station Commanding Officer, took part in the ceremony which was held after three months of joint Canadian/American efforts to install the equipment which was moved here from Lac St. Denis, Quebec.

The following letter was written to the Editor of the Cape Breton Post by Sister Shirley Bruce, Co-ordinator of the Joy Program for Mount Carmel School in New Waterford.

To The Editor:

Wednesday was a day for us to remember. It was our last day swimming at the radar base swimming pool.

A way back in November, 1973, we were given permission to go to the Canadian Forces Station Sydney swimming pool for one hour on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Sgt Curry was asked to be our lifeguard, and for 17 years we have enjoyed this wonderful experience.

More than 200 of our special education students learned to swim and dive. This was not merely a sports or social event; it truly improved the co-ordination of our students. They looked forward to this weekly experience with great anticipation.

We are losing not just the swimming. We are also losing the inspiration of these great, dedicated people who were our staunch supporters. At our yearly banquet our special education students felt proud as they watched these men in uniform take part in our closing exercises. Never did they disappoint us.

There was also the thrill of a lifetime ball game with our students every September. And how does it feel to play a team of Air Force personnel? Just catch the smiles and expressions on the faces of our students.

Every so often there was the special treat of observing the winter carnival, and what a good feeling to be part of the Christmas party at the base.

To all the personnel who are at Canadian Forces Station Sydney, and to all the many others who have come and gone during the past 17 years, to all those with whom we have had the privilege of meeting and sharing precious moments of our lives, we applaud you and want you to know you will be missed. In our eyes you are truly honored members of the Air Force.

Thank you for what you did for us. We will never forget you.

It's OK To Be You



Post photo by J.B. Rutherford

Checking information is part of Sea Supply '86, the Maritime NATO exercise currently taking place in Sydney Harbor. From left to right are Chief Petty Officer Harry Dawson, HMCS Hunter, Windsor; Lt.-Cmdr. G. Lowden, HMCS Chipewawa, Winnipeg and Lt.-Cmdr. A. Woodrow, HMCS Star, Hamilton.

NATO exercise stresses importance of harbor

By Elizabeth Patterson
Staff Writer

For the past week, most Cape Bretoners have been blissfully unaware of a Maritime NATO exercise that has been taking place in Sydney Harbor.

Code-named Sea Supply '86, the exercise involves practicing for the naval control of shipping if an emergency, such as a war, occurred. The exercise continues until April 18 and according to two of the Sydney coordinators, it's been a success.

Lt.-Cmdr. G. Lowden and Lt.-Cmdr. A. Woodrow of the Canadian Navy have been stationed at CFS Sydney since the exercise began April 7.

Along with several other Navy personnel, they work in a message centre at the base, equipped with charts and other vital navigational aids. From this message centre, they receive and transmit information on which NATO nation's merchant vessels are in the area. The naval officers spend several hours each day at the ports, checking the vessels.

According to Lt.-Cmdr. Lowden, the exercise is taking place throughout NATO countries and in six other Canadian cities.

"In times of emergency, the military takes over for safety's sake. Where there's trouble spots, we help shipping get to the place it wants to go," Lt.-Cmdr. Lowden says.

Because the exercise is a preparation for an emergency situation, ships sailing into the area are forewarned about it. This is to avoid a panic situation and has led to cooperation, says Lt.-Cmdr. Lowden.

"The cooperation we've received has been just excellent - they (the ship's captains) bend over backwards. But remember, when we give out this information, they're better informed if something does go wrong," he says.

Lt.-Cmdr. Woodrow says the exercise is being carried out in Sydney Harbor because of its importance as a war harbor. The harbor is well-known in naval circles for its capability to assemble shipping for convoys and its proximity to Europe.

"It's also a good shelter from the open sea - it's a naturally good harbor," Lt.-Cmdr. Woodrow says.

When the exercise ends Friday, reports will be made and evaluated. Another similar exercise will probably be held in two years.

"We Walked 100 Miles"

A CENTENNIAL PROJECT BY 15 STATION PERSONNEL

May 22 to 26, 1967

Those who walked:

WO1 C. Williams
Cpl G.R. Anderson
LAC J.A. Fraser
Cpl M.W. Fraser
Cpl P.E. Sutherland
Cpl C.F. Pruden
Cpl F.P. Tanner

Sgt M.R. Laporte
Cpl J.M. Bushore
Cpl J.O. Ferguson
Cpl C. Hillier
Cpl J.E. MacQuarrie
Cpl W.C. Rutherford
Cpl Cochrane

LAC Pye

On 22 May, 1967 15 personnel from 221 Radar Squadron Sydney, Nova Scotia planned a One Hundred Mile Walk in conjunction with Canada's Centennial Celebrations. Their walk would take them from the Strait of Canso to Sydney, beginning on Monday, May 22nd, and finishing on Friday, May 26th.

Of the fifteen personnel that originally started the walk, thirteen were able to complete it, although many suffered from leg cramps and severe blisters. The walkers arrived in Sydney at 11:00 where they were met by officers and men of the Squadron and by the press, radio and TV reporters.



Jog for Heart Fund.



The men who "WALKED 100 MILES".

JOG FOR HEART FUND

In May, 1977, LCol. W.G. McEwen, Station Commander, led 16 enthusiastic joggers from the Station gates to Louisbourg and return in a jog for the Heart Fund. Among the group was Miss Ann Dunn of the Station Orderly Room. The 50 miles were covered in 5 hours and the money collected was given to the Heart Fund.



JOGGING

CABOT TRAIL 1980

100 mile club



In 1980 a group of people from CFS Sydney jogged the Cabot Trail. They split into two groups and began at opposite ends, passing in the middle. LCol Girling, CO, was one of the joggers.

CADETS

CFS Sydney is very involved with the cadet organization, and this involvement assists in maintaining excellent relations with the surrounding communities.

Capt L. Finney, SAdmO, is the Senior Cadet Liaison Officer. 21 Officers and NCM's act as Cadet Liaison Officers for the 21 Cadet Units that are located throughout Cape Breton. The Supply and Transport Branch of CFS Sydney is responsible for the supply requirements and rations for these units. The Recreation Staff provides facilities and instruction to the cadets.



Major J.R.C. Melancon, Commanding Officer, C.F.S. Sydney was inspecting officer for the 28th annual inspection Rotary Squadron at Sydney Academy.



PERMANENT JOINT BOARD ON DEFENCE



W/C McEwen enrolls Senator into RCBAF.

CFS Sydney hosted the 144th Meeting of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence 21-24 September, 1976. It marked the only time that this distinguished American-Canadian group ever met at a small station.

The group consisted of one American Congressman, one Canadian Senator, numerous Generals, some Colonels and civilian personnel equivalent in rank to the military personnel in attendance.

The personnel at CFS Sydney proved to be worthy hosts. All members of the Permanent Joint Board of Defence praised the efforts of personnel at this unit. One highlight of the visit was a daytime tour of the Fortress of Louisbourg, Dinner at the Fortress, followed by a rare Candlelight Tour of the Fortress. The visitors were enrolled into the RCBAF, which was a highlight for many of the visitors.



Dining at CFS Sydney.



They served the PJBD.



Miss Kathy Hardigan (from the N.S. Commission Drug Dependency) is being presented with a cheque in support of the Youth Drug Education Program.



CFS Sydney supports the United Way Campaign. Shown: Capt Mike Moore, Stn Comptroller and Maj J. Billard, Commanding Officer.



CFS Sydney Shares The Flame

How do you get to run the Olympic Torch Relay? First you get a lot of applications, 582 to be exact and a very patient father to help you fill them out.

That's what Lisa Terrio daughter of Sgt Bernie Terrio did to ensure herself a small part in the success of the Winter Games and a great memory for the rest of her life.

Lisa's father was obliged by the rules to sign each application; and succeeded in filling out her applications correctly, all 582 of them.

Next came the hard part, waiting to see if she had been picked to run. Lisa's anxiety was to be relieved one week later when her selection form arrived in the mail.

Lisa then began training for her one kilometre run of a lifetime. Training was slow at first and even harder when her father introduced weights to simulate the carrying of the torch.

"We got very little sleep that week due to nerves," said Bernie, "I'm not sure which of us was worse."

So the big day arrived and there was Lisa standing at the 16.6 km point of day three awaiting the torch from Mr. Ray Oake. She soon had the torch lit and was on her way with Bernie clicking off as many pictures as he could.

Along the way she maintained the Spirit of the Relay and "Shared the Flame" with family and friends, of special note was her paternal grandmother.

"It was all over before I knew it," she remarked in retrospect, "and I hardly noticed the weight of the torch".



THE CARLTON WEAVERS - MARITIME NIGHT 22 JUN 1968

CFS Sydney's original "Pig 'N Whistle" band in the Officers' Mess. L-R. Larry Meidell, JJ MacNeil, Roger Boudreau, John Dooley, Ray Campbell, Vince Campbell, Lila Hashem, Gerry McGarry, Norm Leblanc. Front: Andrew Seymour.



BATTLE OF BRITAIN PARADE 1988
Maj Billard Inspecting



1978 City and District Broomball Champions.

Front (left to right): Dave Linden, Gabby Bourdages, Barry Brosko, Ed Pyke and Ed Firlotte; Back (left to right): Gary Sooley, Mike Cote, Frank Churchill, Wayne Butler, Don Gordon, Dennis Miller, Ches Hillier and Ron Loudfoot.



Armed Forces Day 1988

It was hot, it was noisy and it was breezy, but most of all it was a lot of fun. There were some of the adjectives used by the more than 8000 people who visited Armed Forces Day 88. They came by foot, by bike, by bus, but according to our traffic control people most of them came by car, over 2000 vehicles parked and not one dented fender, although a tow truck would have helped keep a few of the vehicles moving.

There was something for everyone, planes to see, planes to touch and planes to watch. Guns to shoot, trucks to climb on and tents to look in. To top it all off there were hot fries, cold drinks, ice cream and other delights to keep the stomach occupied while the ears and eyes were coping with the many sounds and sights. Once again the Snowbirds were the major attraction. The smiles on the faces of the people as they exited the show was a sure sign to the tired workers that their efforts had not been in vein.



**THE CANADIAN
ARMED FORCES**

There's no life like it



Armed Forces Day 1988

CFS Sydney hosted an Armed Forces Day and Air Show at the Sydney Airport on 28 May 1988.

The more than 8,000 visitors who took advantage of the sunny day to watch the Snowbirds and tour the many displays set up by the Station, CFRC and RSS were not disappointed.

The Snowbirds, as always amazed the large crowd. Virtually all of CFS Sydney's personnel contributed to the organization and operation of Armed Forces Day, and it is to their credit that this air show was one of the more successful in Cape Breton.





25th ANNIVERSARY PARADE

1978

UNVEILING OF STONE CAIRN

1978



GOLFING

LADIES CURLING



ALL RANKS DINNER 1988



CFS SYDNEY ANNUAL LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

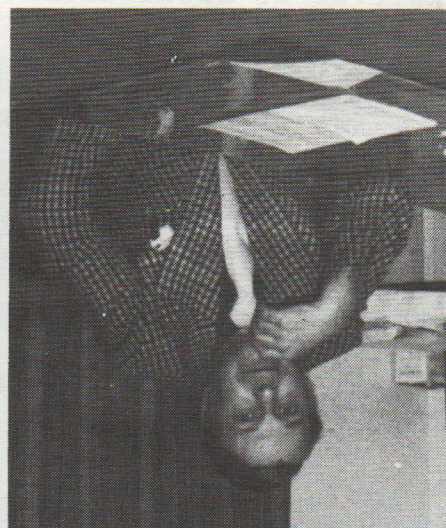
Standing: Mary Black, Marilyn Bulley, Mary Yhard, Shona Donato, Paula Skinner, Joan Ferguson, Joanne Poirier, Patsy MacNeil, Pat Dumais, Ann Dunn

Seated: Pat White, Frania McKay, Arlene Barron, Anna Wall, Cindy Mitschke, Judy Colford, Marilyn Matthews, Ramona Organ



DR. D'INTINO

Dr. D'Intino was born in Sydney and upon graduating from High School in 1938 he joined the RCAF. He decided to leave the Air Force and went to college and medical school. In 1943 he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and served on a hospital ship and at the British POW at Camp Debert. Dr. D'Intino entered private practice in Sydney in 1946. In 1953 he began his association with RCAF Stn. Sydney. He has performed many medical tasks over the years for both military and civilian patients. His dedication to CFS Sydney is greatly appreciated.



Mr. Ed Liska, Civilian Personnel Officer

Commenced employment 01 Oct 58 in the Construction Engineering Section at CFS Sydney. He transferred to the Civilian Personnel function at CFS Sydney on 06 Jul 62.



Station SMO

MWO James A. Kyle, CD enlisted in the RCAF January 1962. After Basic Training in St. Jean, P.Q. he was posted to #6 Repair Depot, Trenton, Ontario.

1964 Posted to RCAF Stn Downsview, Ont.
1971 Posted to CFE Lahr, West Germany.
1974 Posted to CFB Toronto, Ont.
1981 Posted to CFB Cornwallis, N.S.
1983 Posted to CFS Sydney, N.S.

MWO Kyle is married to the former Ann

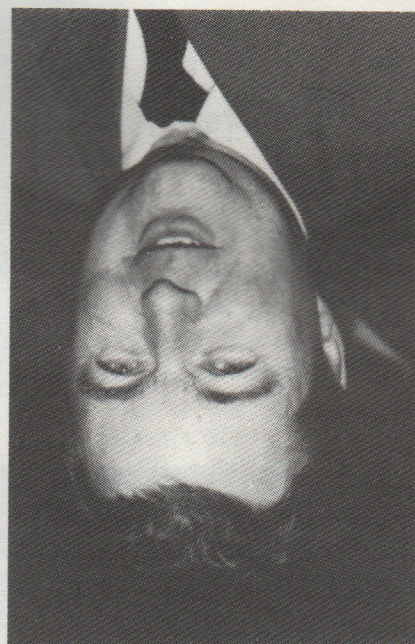
Gillis of Sydney and they have three

children: Mike is a Pte and is stationed

in CFB Ottawa, Leitrim, Ont. Daughters

Lori and Karen are living at home.

MWO and Mrs. Kyle plan to retire in the Sydney area.





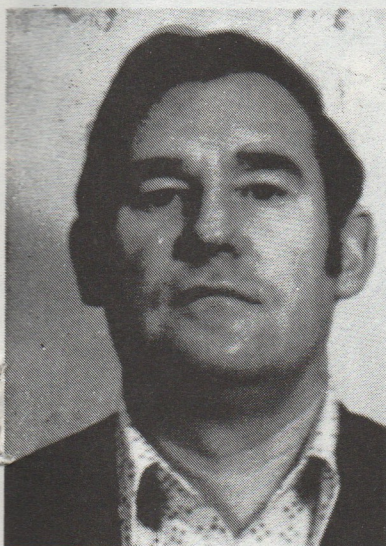
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"Red" Keough was the first civilian employee of CFS Sydney and is still serving.



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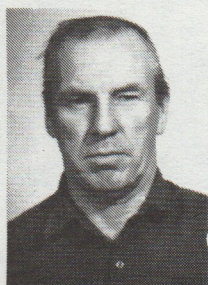
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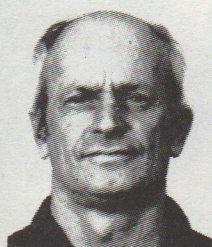
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Mrs. Mary Black
September 7, 1965
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Miss Joan Ferguson
August 23, 1955
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 M. MacNeil, A. MacDonald, E. Liska, C. Mercer, J. Bryden
 2nd Row: J. Smith, C. Morrison, Sgt Hays, LAC Dodsley, Sgt
 MacNeil, ?, T. Kozemer, D. Clark, G. Peverley, H. Morrison, M.
 Cameron, M. Wodoslawski, J. O'Donnell, J. MacKinnon 3rd Row: ?,
 J. Wheeliker, A. MacAdam, J. Corkery, ?, G. Abbass, A. Campbell,
 G. MacNeil, C. Aboud, D. Timmons



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1988.



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BACK ROW(left to right): Cpl Al Kay, MCpl Bill Muise, Cpl Bob Charron, Cpl René Vallieres, Capt R. Gosling(SCEO), MCpl John Andrews (Auxillary Fire Chief), Cpl Pat Kamermans, Cpl Lloyd Stewart, Cpl Steve Chitty.



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D. Wooley, K. Cooper, S. Gagne, S. Lajoie, P. White
M. Matthews, J. Leeco
R. Matheson, R. Morrison, D. Poulin, R. Vacheresse, G. Dugas

Maritime Volleyball Championships Won By Sydney R C A F Station Team

See Page 7



Winners of the RCAF Zone 5 Volleyball playoffs, the Sydney Airmen's Team, who will represent the Station in the RCAF finals at RCAF Station Winnipeg on the 25th and 26th of April. Standing: LAC's Gaetan, Chaplin, Smith, Pattison, Huxford. Kneeling: LAC Dodsley, Cpl Magee, Cpl Shetler, LAC Turcotte.



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Maritime Title

Radar Whips Charlottetown

Sydney Radar Base Red Sox spotted Charlottetown Police a 5-1 first inning lead and then came back to whip the Prince Edward Island champions 13-8 at the radar base Saturday to capture the Maritime Intermediate "B" fastball championship. The Red Sox took the best of three series in straight games. They edged Charlottetown 8-7 in the opening game last weekend in the Island capital.

Red Sox pitcher Don MacLeod got off to a shaky start, giving up five runs on three hits and four walks in the first inning. But the lanky right-hander, who had not pitched in several weeks, settled down and held the visitors to three runs on five scattered hits the rest of the way.

The new champions tied the score 5-5 in the third but the Islanders moved out in front 7-5 in the fourth, but the Red Sox, noted for their comeback-from-behind efforts a season, evened the count in their half of the fourth inning. The Red Sox moved out in front to stay in the fifth inning when they scored three runs. They

added two more in the sixth and their final run in the seventh while MacLeod was holding the Charlottetown club to a single tally.

Bruce Morris powered the Red Sox to victory by clouting a two-run homer and a pair of singles. Gerry McGarry chipped in on the 12-hit attack with three singles, while Spud Affleck pounded a triple and single.

Sydney native Brian Dalton and Ed McCue led the visitors at the plate with two hits each.

Poor defensive play led to the downfall of the Charlottetown team. They committed five errors which resulted in seven unearned Sydney runs.



NOVA SCOTIA CHAMPIONS — The members of the Radar Base Red Sox of Sydney won the Nova Scotia Intermediate "B" fastball championship when they downed Maritime Tel-Tel in back to back games 12-4 and 21-6 at home after losing the first in Halifax 4-3. This week, the Radar nine will travel to Charlottetown to meet Charlottetown Police in the first of a best of three for the Maritime title. The remainder of the series will be played here the follow-

ing weekend. Left to right, front row: Bob Hicks, Roy Conrod, Bob MacDonald, Manager Gerry McGarey, Norm LeBlanc, "Spud" Affleck, Joe Kostuik. Back row: Mel Pasher, Ray Campbell, Claude Veauieux, Don MacLeod, "Red" Keough, Jack Fleet and Bruce Morris. Playing-coach Hal Harder, pitcher Ed Young and Wyn Provencher were not present when picture was taken,

(Photo by Abbass)

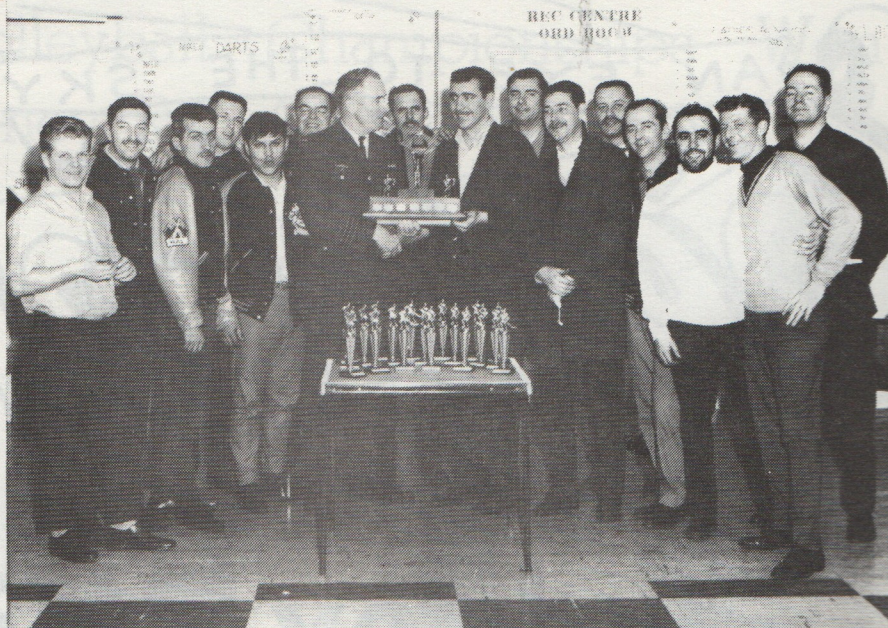
Sydney Gains Title

Canadian Forces Station, Sydney, won the Armed Forces Maritime "B" hockey championships with a 4-3 overtime win against HMCS Granby of Halifax. The winning goal came at the nine-minute mark of the first overtime period when Don MacLeod doing the scoring.

The Radar team representing Cape Breton and Newfoundland also defeated CFS St. Margaret's, N.E., and CFS Mill Cove.

The Radar base team from Sydney led by the outstanding goaling of Roy Conrad and four-goal performances by Hal Harder and Jack Fleet with "BR" Campbell and Don MacLeod picking up six points each.

The Radar team will now represent all small units of the Maritimes at CFS Gagetown on Feb. 11-12-13 for the Maritime Zone 7-8 "A" Division championship.

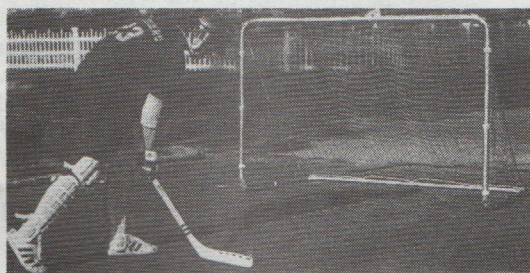


1969/70 Zone 7-8 SMALL BASE HOCKEY CHAMPIONS

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CFS SYDNEY FLOOR HOCKEY

Ed Desormo, Kevin Aucoin, Fred Ernst, Brian Suppe, Fred White, Ray Lirrette, Dave Case, Brent Henry, John Campbell, Dave Knee, Lorne McMullen, Doug Whitten, Don Tower, Clyde Bishop, ET Rioux, Gerry Blank



CFS SYDNEY HOCKEY TEAM 1989/90

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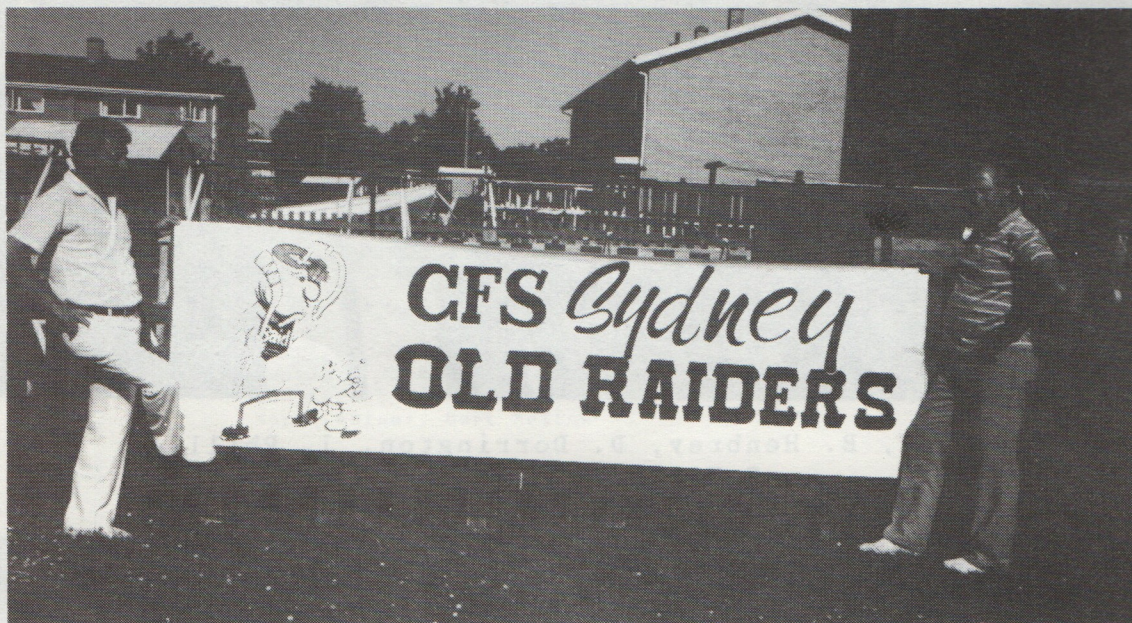
L. McMullen, B. Henbrey, D. Dorrington, J. Phillips
F.X. Marsh



Pictured from Left to Right: Maj John Phillips,
MWO Jamie Kyte, Sgt Don Tower, Sgt Dave White

CFS SYDNEY OLDTIMERS HOCKEY 1989/90

Emile Chiasson, Clyde Bishop, Doug Whitten, Rick Parson, Bruce Parks, Leon Caron, Ralph Lloyd, Pat Fraser, John Phillips, George Moody, Joe Matheson, George Lane, Al Gouthro, Len Finney, Wilmer Winsor, Rolly Leyte, Bob Henbrey, Ron Kelly, Jim LeBlanc, Mark Mombourquette, Francis Marsh, Greg Lewis, Dan Kays.

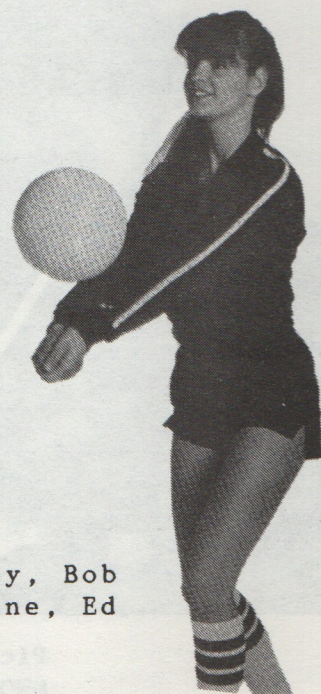


Joe Matheson and Dave Orton designed the banner for the CFS Sydney Oldtimers.



CFS SYDNEY VOLLEYBALL 1989/90

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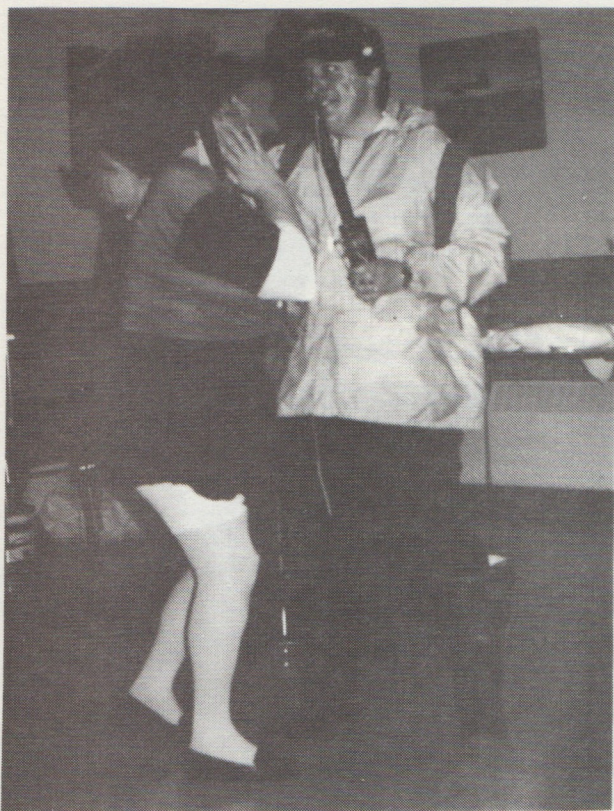


Don Tower, Rick Vacheresse, Sue Gagne, Dave Noble, Len Finney, Dan Kays



CFS SYDNEY SOFTBALL 1988

Fred White, Bob Allen, Giorgio Frausin, Dan Kays, Heidi Bjork, Shawn Collier, Rick Vacheresse, Gerry Theibeau, Pat McIntee, ET Rioux, Brian Suppa, Pat Kommermam



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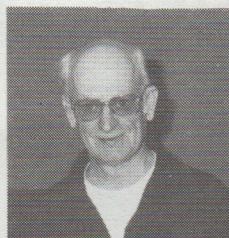


The ceramic club was started in 1976 by a few determined women, eager to start something for the women of CFS Sydney.

It started with \$.05 Bingo Games to raise money to buy molds and some supplies. The first year the membership numbered about 20 people and gradually grew from there. It really was quite difficult to get the club started and becoming self supporting. The women who worked so hard are long gone with the exception of Raye Admond who was one of the original members.

In 1978 the club was opened to associate members which really helped increase finances and membership.

The club has grown throughout the years. It now has a membership of 80 people, who have enjoyed the club very much. When the club closes its' doors on May 31, 1990 there will be many a tear. It has helped to unite the people of CFS Sydney with the people of the surrounding areas. Many a friendship has been made and kept over the years. We will miss the club very very much. It has been a good friend to all who entered its doors.

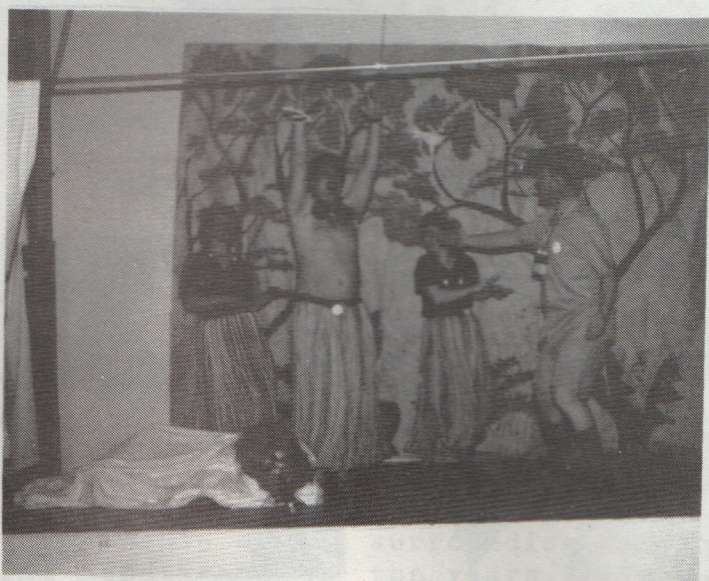
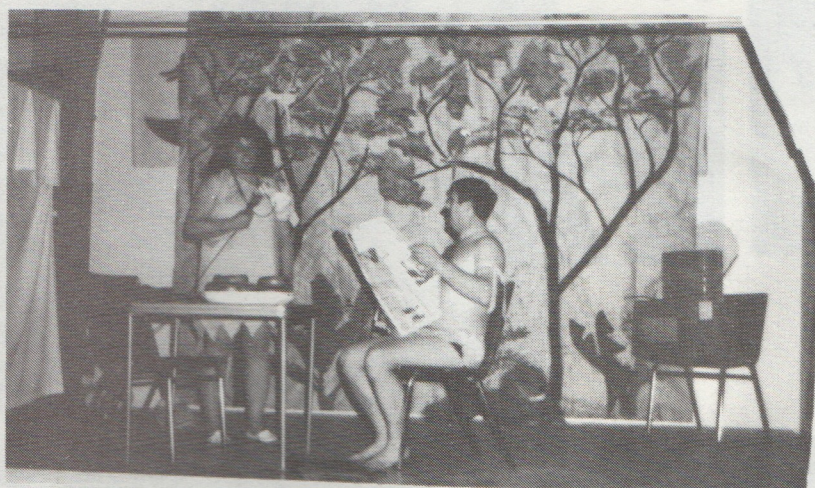


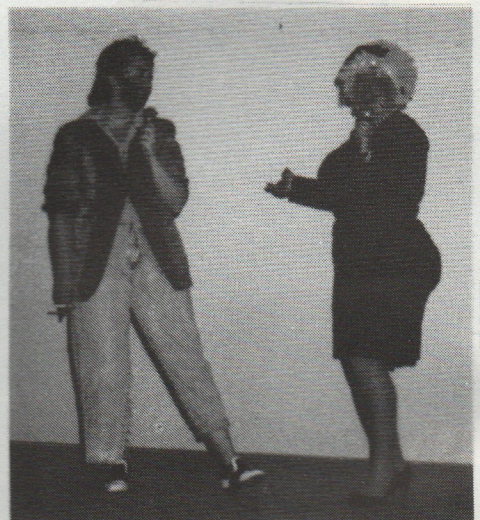
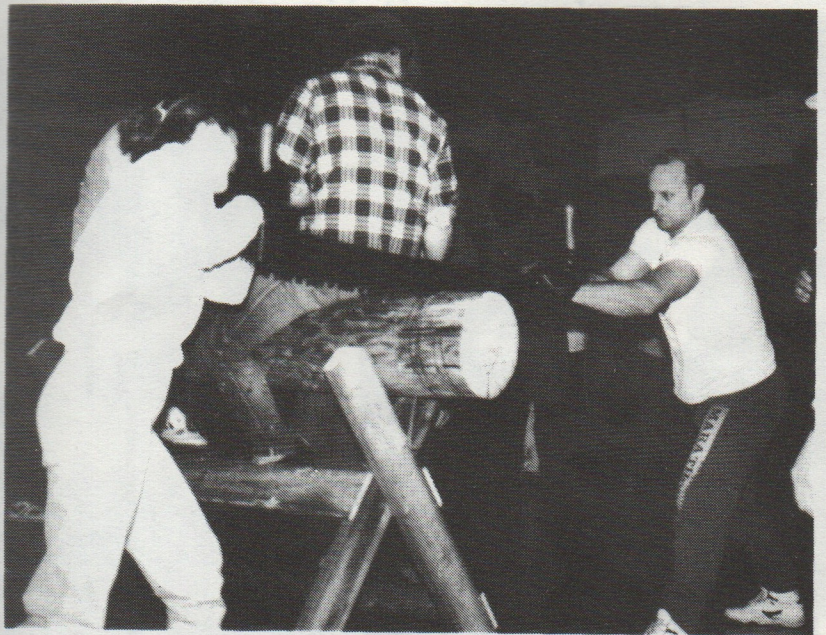
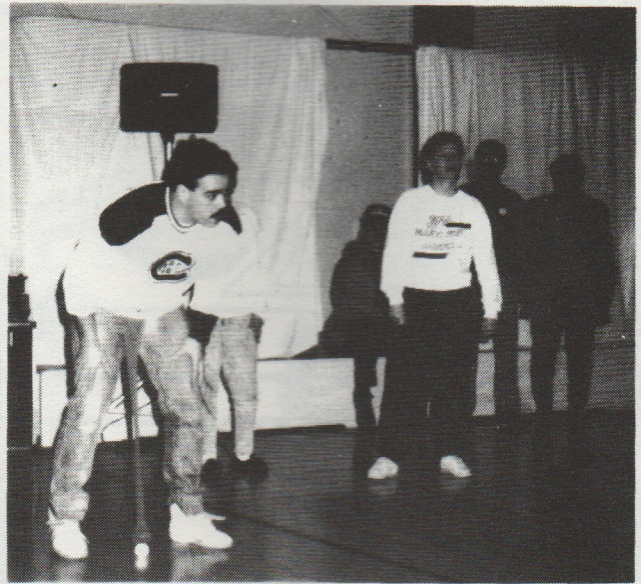
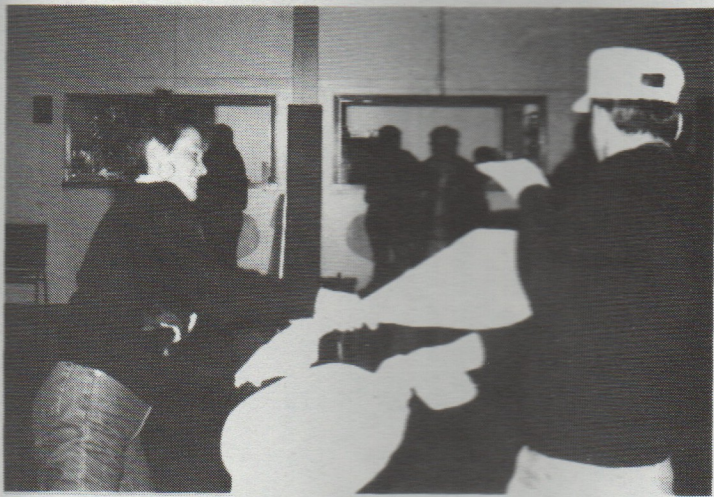
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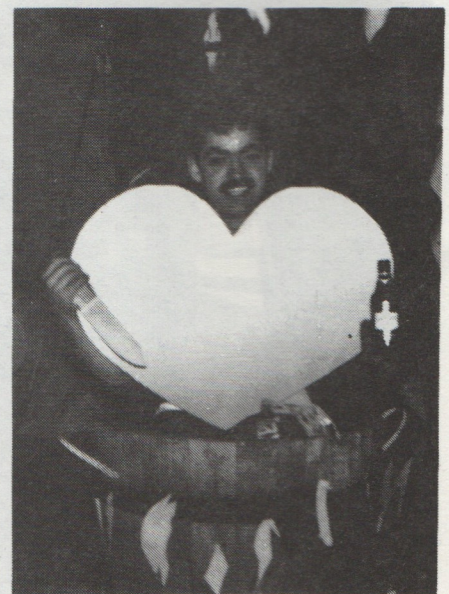
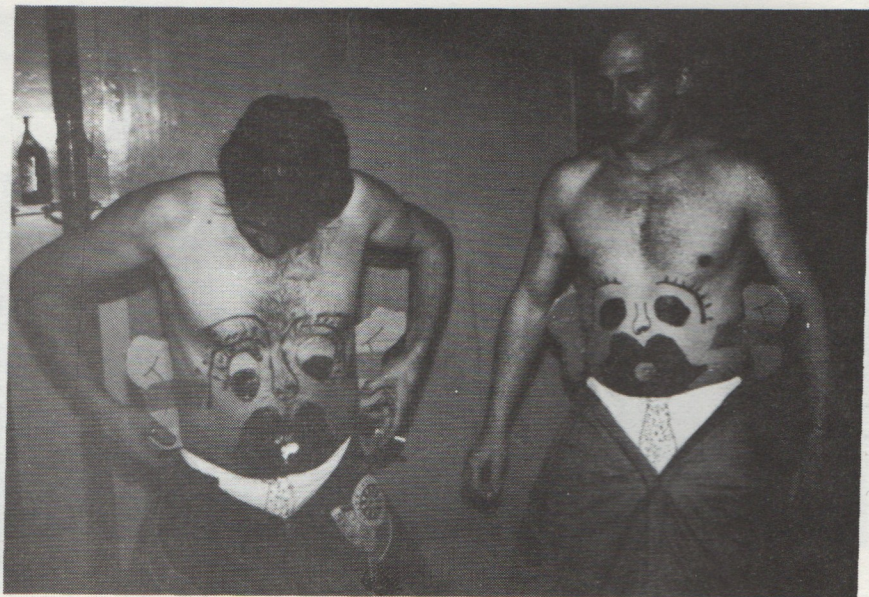




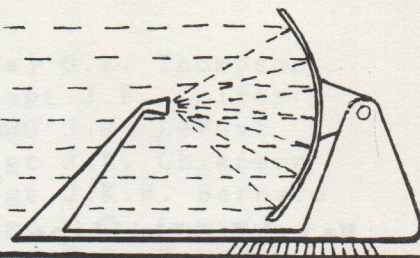
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We hope you will find the book to be a source of many memories and shared times.

Anne Phillips



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